

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing a web of a cigarette wrapper having an applied pattern of add-on material, said method comprising:

moving a base web along a first path;

preparing a slurry of add-on material; and

repetitively discharging said slurry of add-on material upon said moving base web, said step of preparing a slurry of add-on material including:

cooking a fibrous cellulosic material,

bleaching the material,

pressing the cooked and bleached material to remove liquid,

drying the pressed material,

milling the dried material to produce fibers of a desired size, and

mixing the milled material with water to hydrate the material and produce a slurry.

2. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said step of repetitively discharging said add-on slurry comprises:

continuously moving a belt having an orifice along an endless path, said belt moving step including the step of moving said belt along a first portion of said endless path where said orifice is communicated with a reservoir so as to discharge said add-on slurry from said reservoir through said orifice onto said base web as said orifice traverses said first path portion.

3. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said fibrous cellulosic material comprises flax straw feed stock.

4. (Original) The method according to claim 3 further including:

subjecting the flax straw feed stock to a process for removing non-fibrous component including shive before the step of cooking the fibrous cellulosic material.

5. (Original) The method according to claim 4, wherein the process for removing the non-fibrous component is preformed in a hammer mill.